



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

City Council Workshop Session - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Attendance: Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Councilmembers Alvarez, Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Lukson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Item

1. Discuss Meeting Agenda Items

Council and staff briefly reviewed the items scheduled for the meeting.

2. New City Hall Overview

Mr. Schiessl highlighted the various safety features in the new City Hall building. Mr. Schiessl also demonstrated the new equipment and described the new features in the chambers.

3. Grand Opening Expectations

Ms. Reents announced the theme of “Keep Moving Forward” for the grand opening of the new City Hall scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019. She provided an outline of the 2-hour event and encouraged Council to wear clothing with the Richland logo.

Ms. Reents announced that only one application packet was received during the posting of the Richland Public Facilities District (RPFDD) Board vacancy. The packet was from the incumbent. After a brief discussion regarding the RPFDD, Councilmember Lukson agreed to meet with the incumbent before Council takes any action since he did not participate in the interview process during the incumbent’s first appointment.

Council and staff briefly discussed how voter approval of the City of Pasco’s pool initiative might affect the status of the Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities District (TCRPFDD) Board.

4. Transition

Council and staff relocated from the workshop setting to seats on the dais for the meeting.

City Council Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Thompson welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

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Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire & Emergency Services Director Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Interim Police Services Director Taylor, Energy Services Director Whitney and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Presentations

5. New Hire/Retirements

Ms. Koch introduced new employees Adrienne Hall, who will serve as an Administrative Assistant II in the Administrative Services Department, and Alison Manka, a Communications Graphic Designer in Communications & Marketing. Both new employees were in attendance and welcomed by Council. Ms. Koch then announced other new staff hired in May 2019, which include Kody Simonson, Engineering Technician II; Courtney Allen-Grant, Police Records Specialist; and Jodi Hogan, Customer Service Representative.

Ms. Koch also announced the recent retirements, which include Dwight Lee, a Maintenance Craftworker II with 37 years of service to the City, and Phill Liddell, a General Craftworker with 40 years of service to the City.

6. Recognition and Plaque to Dwight Lee for 37 Years of Service to the City of Richland

Mayor Thompson read a letter detailing Mr. Lee's many accomplishments during his 37 years with the City, and presented Mr. Lee with a plaque of appreciation for his service. Mr. Lee thanked the Mayor and stated that his job helped support and raise his family, and that he is grateful for his tenure with the City of Richland.

7. Presentation and Proclamation of the Heart Safe Richland Initiative

Fire Captain Vanbeek and Firefighter Smith explained that the City of Richland Fire & Emergency Services Department is launching Heart Safe Richland, an initiative to teach hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to Richland citizens. The goal is to educate at least ten percent (10%) of the population and reduce the number of cardiac arrest-related deaths in the City and the greater Tri-Cities area.

Mayor Thompson read and presented to Fire Chief Huntington, Fire Captain Vanbeek and Firefighter Smith a proclamation supporting the Heart Safe Richland Initiative. Mayor Thompson expressed appreciation for their contributions on heading up this city-wide endeavor.

8. United Way Award Presentation

Crime Prevention Specialist Cerise Peck presented the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties' "Top 20" award to the City for its 2018 employee-based campaign. Ms. Peck provided statistics of the growth of the City's United Way campaign over the past several years, and challenged staff and Council to form a team to compete in the annual kickball event this coming fall.

9. Ben Franklin Transit Annual Report

Ben Franklin Transit (BFT) General Manager Boyce first introduced Keith Hall and Ally Madison, and then reported on BFT's operations, organizational set-up and review of 2018 and 2019 initiatives. Ms. Boyce also distributed copies of the BFT 2018 Annual Report to City Council.

Public Hearing

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedure.

10. Proposed 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution No. 73- 19

Mr. Rogalsky explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive testimony on a proposal to adopt the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as required by RCW 35.77.010. The TIP is a planning and project management tool for

federal, state and local governments. Mr. Rogalsky provided an overview of the projects scheduled in the 2020-2025 TIP.

Mayor Thompson opened and closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. No testimony was offered.

Public Comments

No comments were given.

Consent Calendar

Deputy City Clerk Barham read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER LUKSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Minutes

11. Approve the Council Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2019, May 28, 2019 and May 29, 2019

Ordinances - First Reading

12. Ordinance No. 24-19, Amending Chapter 7.03 of the Richland Municipal Code Related to Animal Licensing
13. Ordinance No. 30-19, Adding a New Section 5.04.244 regarding Commercial Kennel Licensing Fee to Chapter 5.04 of the Richland Municipal Code

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage

14. Ordinance No. 27-19, Amending the 2019 Budget to add Appropriations to the Equipment Replacement Fund, Public Works Administration & Engineering Fund, City Streets Fund and General Fund
15. Ordinance No. 29-19, Amending the 2019 Budget to Increase Appropriations in the Industrial Development Fund

Resolutions – Adoption

16. Resolution No. 17-19, Establishing Council Assignments for the 2019 Calendar Year
17. Resolution No. 69-19, Authorizing an Agreement with Americool Heating and A/C, LLC for Weatherization Program Participation

18. Resolution No. 70-19, Approving Phase I of the 2019 Park Partnership Program Funding Allocation
19. Resolution No. 71-19, Authorizing a Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement Between the U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management and Richland Fire & Emergency Services
20. Resolution No. 72-19, Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with Aspect Consulting, LLC for the Stormwater Retrofit Project
21. Resolution No. 73-19, Adopting the 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program
22. Resolution No. 74-19, Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Gas Purchase and Site License Agreement with WRH Horn Rapids, LLC
23. Resolution No. 75-19, Authorizing a Funding Agreement with Battelle Memorial Institute for Pedestrian Improvements on George Washington Way
24. Resolution No. 76-19, Authorizing the Award of Bid to Total Site Services, LLC for the George Washington Way Pavement Preservation Project

Items for Approval

Expenditures - Approval

25. Expenditures from May 9, 2019 - May 24, 2019 for \$7,664,572.99 including Check Nos. 268096-268545, Wire Nos. 7530-7553, Payroll Check Nos. 150574-151112, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 10978-10993

Items of Business

No business items were scheduled.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Ms. Reents announced that Police Chief Bruce will be sworn in during the June 18, 2019 council meeting. Ms. Reents also commented about the United Way campaign and kickball tournament. Lastly, Ms. Reents announced that she was going to attend the first Northwest Local Government Women's Leadership Academy graduation at the end of the week.

City Council

Councilmember Kent was pleased to learn about the new Heart Safe Richland initiative. Ms. Kent also thanked the audience member who represents the community equestrian interests for attending the meeting. Finally, Ms. Kent mentioned that she recently met with the Tri-Cities Civility group.

Councilmember Alvarez thanked Interim Chief Taylor for his service during the transition search for a new police chief. Mr. Alvarez also thanked Ms. Reents for enlisting the help of the local Young Marines to raise the U.S. flag at the upcoming City Hall grand opening event. Mr. Alvarez expressed appreciation for the Fire & Emergency Services Department for their efforts in providing excellent service in the community. Lastly, he expressed appreciation and felt honored to participate in the first meeting held in the new City Hall Council Chambers.

Councilmember Lemley thanked Chief Taylor for his service as Interim Chief of Police. Mr. Lemley expressed sorrow for the loss of former City of Kennewick Mayor Steve Young. Mr. Lemley briefly commented about the two prisons in Monroe and Walla Walla that he recently toured as part of his participation, through the Association of Washington Cities, on the Washington State Council of Citizens Guidelines. Lastly, Mr. Lemley congratulated City Manager Reents, her staff and the various contractors for their accomplishments with the opening of the new City Hall.

Councilmember Lukson noted his participation on the winning United Way kickball team last year, and expressed his intent to participate again this year. Mr. Lukson thanked previous Richland councilmembers for their vision of the City's central business district and Swift Boulevard corridor. He thanked the Richland residents for their input, and City staff for their hard work in building the new City Hall. In addition to providing one-stop shopping and many other efficiencies for its customers, the new City Hall is also a place that will attract and grow economic development throughout the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen thanked Chief Taylor his work the interim Chief of Police, and stated that he looks forward to welcoming Chief Bruce at the next meeting. Mr. Christensen encouraged the City to apply for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grants, as well as other funding sources to build a new multi-sports facilities at Heritage Park, as he believes the City of Richland is falling behind in the area of sports tourism. Mr. Christensen also commented about Port of Benton Executive Director Scott Keller's recent retirement announcement. Lastly, Mr. Christensen expressed appreciation for the new Heart Safe Richland initiative.

Mayor

Mayor Thompson briefly reminisced about growing up in Richland, the changes that have occurred throughout the years, and how the new City Hall is a key part of the future growth for Richland and the greater Tri-Cities area.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED:


Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Debby Barham, Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: June 18, 2019

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